

# Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure Newsletter

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# Board Honors Danny M. Clark, M.D.

On June 26, 2008, the Board held a special meeting in order to honor Danny M. Clark, M.D. for his 21 years of service to the Board of Medical Licensure and the citizens of the Commonwealth. Several moving tributes were made to Dr. Clark during the meeting, which was highlighted by the presentation of a Resolution recognizing Dr. Clark for his long and distinguished service. Dr. Clark was also presented with his gavel,



which noted the ten years that he served as the Board's President. In addition, representatives from the Federation of State Medical Boards were on hand to recognize Dr. Clark for his contributions to the practice of medicine.

The Board would like to express its appreciation to Dr. Clark for his unyielding dedication to the state's physicians and his overall commitment to the Board's mission of public protection. His leadership has had a significant impact on the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth and the Board is indebted to him for his efforts.

#### **Illegible Prescriptions**

Recently, our office has received several complaints involving the legibility of physicians' handwriting on prescriptions. Most of the complaints were made by pharmacists who are concerned about patient safety and the ongoing hassle of continually having to contact physicians to verify prescriptions.

The Board realizes that the practice of medicine is often times fast paced and hectic, but notes that illegible and incorrectly completed prescriptions are increasingly becoming a problem throughout the Commonwealth. These oversights can lead to a possible medical error or cause an unknowing physician to incorrectly have a controlled substance prescription attributed to them, which may result in a review of his/her prescribing practices. In addition, physicians that write illegible prescriptions also run the risk of having the pharmacy reject filling the prescription, thus causing undue hardship on the patient and stress for the pharmacists.

The Board would like to remind all physicians to take the extra time that is needed and complete their prescriptions with the legible and correct information as required by state law. Just a few moments of your time can help avoid medical errors from occuring and improve the physician/pharmacist relationship.

- **Board Actions Report (Actions taken since 04/01/08)**
- Richard W. Arnold, M.D., Cynthiana, KY, License # 18408, Case #852

Order Terminating Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction issued 05/08/08.

Richard W. Arnold, M.D., Cynthiana, KY, License # 18408, Case #994

Order Terminating Agreed Order of Revocation, Stayed; Amended Agreed Order of Probation issued 05/08/08.

- David P. Bosomworth, M.D., Lexington, KY, License #30546 Agreed Order entered into 06/6/08.
- Van S. Breeding, M.D., Whitesburg, KY, License #26664
  Order Terminating Agreed Order of Probation issued on 06/16/08.
- Berry A. Campbell, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 28208

  Order Terminating Second Amended Order of Probation issued 05/22/08.
- Bruce C. Corser, M.D., Crestview Hills, KY, License # 30722
  Agreed Order entered into 05/09/08.
- Bryant D. Draper, M.D., West Palm Beach, FL, License # 34457 Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 05/06/08.
- Robert D. Fant, M.D., Glasgow, KY, License # 19111
  Second Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite
  Restriction entered into 05/05/08.
- Robert M. Gevedon, M.D., Versailles, KY, License # 29767 Order Terminating Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 04/28/08.
- Oliver C. James, M.D., Shelbyville, KY, License # 13663
  Order Terminating Agreed Order of Indefinite
  Restriction issued 05/27/08.
- Kandhasamy Kannapiran, M.D., Mansfield, OH, License # 39896

Agreed Order of Surrender entered into 05/05/08.

- Joseph J. Koenigsmark, D.O., Prospect, KY, License # 02161 Amended Order of Suspension and Probation issued on 06/02/08.
- Kenny J. Manion, M.D., Glasgow, KY, License # 24806 Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 05/05/08.
- F. Christopher Massa, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 34943
  Fourth Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite
  Restriction entered into 06/12/08.
- John P. McMurry, M.D., Spencer, WV, License # 25746 Agreed Order entered into 05/09/08.
- Billy J. Parson, M.D., Somerset, KY, License #18472
  Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction issued on 06/26/08.

- Mark R. Rosenberg, M.D., Ellisville, MO, License #28704
  Order Terminating Agreed Order of Probation issued on 06/16/08.
- Thomas J. Schroeder, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 18652 Agreed Order entered into 06/02/08.
- Ronald R. Sommerfeldt, M.D., Greenville, KY, License # 19407 Fifth Amended Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 05/28/08.
- David A. Thomas, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 27346
  Agreed Order of Revocation, Stayed; Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 06/09/08.
- Anissa R. Hargis, PA-C, Louisville, KY, License # PA353
  Agreed Order of Revocation, Stayed: Agreed Order of Indefinite Restriction entered into 06/09/08.
- Cynthia R. Williams, PA-C, Louisville, KY, License # PA282
  Agreed Order entered into 04/18/08.
- Restrictions have also been placed on the following physicians' licenses pending resolution of charges brought against these physicians:
- Bashiradmed M. Ameji, M.D., Glenview, IL, License # 22506 Complaint and Interim Agreed Order issued 05/27/08, effective 05/27/08.
- Rajanbhai R. Amin, M.D., Louisville, KY, License # 19340 Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction issued 05/15/08, effective 05/16/08.
- Clyde D. Brown, M.D., Ft. Wright, KY, License # 21732
  Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 03/24/08. effective 04/03/08.
- Charles G. Grigsby, M.D., Lexington, KY. License #13046 Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction issued 06/13/08, effective 06/16/08.
- James H. Heaphy, M.D., Lexington, KY, License # 26270 Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued 06/10/08, effective 06/19/08.
- Gorden T. McMurry, M.D., Louisville, KY, License #14174 Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction issued 04/18/08, effective 04/21/08.
- Bernard C. Moses, M.D., Williamsburg, KY, License # 19129
  Complaint and Emergency Order of Restriction issued 05/28/08, effective 05/29/08.
- Hamid H. Sheikh, M.D., Lexington, KY, License #17538 Complaint and Emergency Order of Suspension issued on 06/06/08, effective 06/11/08.

#### Board Endorses FSMB Model Policy Guidelines for Opioid Addiction Treatment in the Medical Office

In recent months, the Board has been studying the need to adopt best practice guidelines for Buprenorphine/ Suboxone (B/S) treatment, which included a review of the Federation of State Medical Board's (FSMB) Model Policy Guidelines for Opioid Addiction Treatment in the Medical Office. After a thorough review of this issue, the Board, at its March 2008 meeting, endorsed the guidelines developed by the FSMB.

It is the intention of the Board that these guidelines will assist in minimizing the inappropriate, excessive prescribing of Buprenorphine/Suboxone simply to maximize the financial opportunity for the physician. The Board would like to emphasize the benefits of involving the patient's significant other: collateral individual or group therapeutic efforts and self-help groups such as Narcotics Anonymous have historically yielded the best rewards.

The guidelines are available on the Board's website, <u>www.kbml.ky.gov/board/policies.htm</u> for viewing or to be downloaded. The Board would like to express its appreciation to Board member, C. William Briscoe, M.D., for his efforts regarding this matter.

#### **Inappropriate Contact with Board Members**

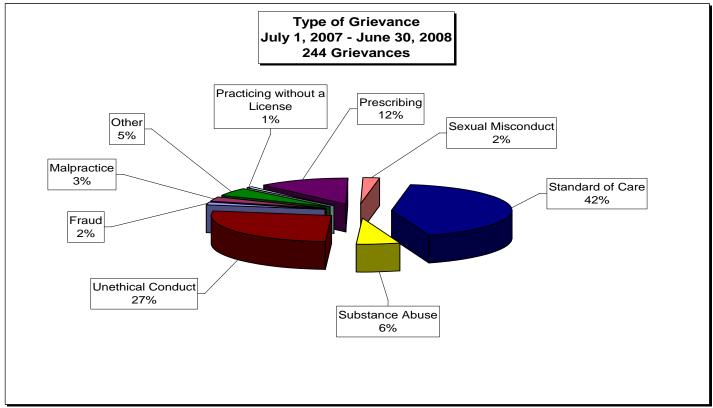
The Board would like to remind all licensees that if you should become the subject of a Board investigation or disciplinary action, it is inappropriate for you to individually contact any member of the Board to discuss your case. If the Board should receive a grievance alleging that you engaged in some misconduct, you will be contacted by the Board's investigator and given a chance to respond to the allegations, typically orally and in writing. The assigned Panel will consider your response along with all other information gathered during the investigation.

If the Panel should file a formal Complaint against your license, you will have a full opportunity to respond to the allegations. There will be an evidentiary hearing, at which time you will have the opportunity to hear and cross-examine the Board's witnesses and to present witnesses in your own behalf. You will also be given the chance to testify fully in your own behalf. The Hearing Officer will then summarize the testimony and evidence for the benefit of the Hearing Panel.

As you can see, the Board's processes allow you to fully present your side of the story in an appropriate manner. Individual contact with Board members is contrary to established procedure and could lead to adverse consequences in your specific case. So, please don't contact Board members individually to discuss your case. You can take full advantage of every opportunity built into our processes to "make your case."

#### **Types of Grievances**

The chart below depicts the types of grievances received in the Board's office for the past fiscal year. A total of 244 grievances were filed against physicians practicing in the Commonwealth.



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#### **Change of Address Notice**

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